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SUBJECT

Re Sharing of postal and telegraph profits in Indian States.

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Chief Secretary's note on P.P.File No.79-24

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1) Construction and maintenance of telegraph systems in Indian States. Residency letter No. 10798 dated 26th December 1923. (P.P.File 79-23)

1) On sending for this file for purposes of reference I see that all necessary action has not been taken on it, and that it has been closed without submission to me, although I had indicated its importance in my note dated 23rd January 1924.

2) The following action should now be taken:-

(1) The rights of States ~~wherein~~ to share in the pro~~perty~~fits of the Imperial telegraph systems within their respective territories on an equitable basis, to be mutually discussed hereafter", has been recognised. We should ask for our share from 1923-24. (This should have been communicated to the Financial Secretary also).

(2) The right of a State to construct and make its own independent system for profit is recognised. There are many places in the State where we want telegraph offices, or where there are telegraph offices for which we pay a guarantee amount. The question should be examined whether for any of these places it would be possible to ~~remove~~ turn our own lines. Even though there may be some extra cost, it would be worth consideration as affording employment to our young men.

(3) The terms on which our railways (managed by the State Railway Department) are working the telegraph

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lines have to be re-examined.

(4) The fact that His Highness the Maharaja, the Dewan and perhaps the Members of Council have the right to send "Clear the line" messages between telegraph offices in the State, and, in circumstances, outside the State, should be noted and included in the political manual; also that they are entitled to mark their messages within Mysore "Priority" in matters of urgency.

(5) The fact that private telegrams addressed to officers can be redirected by telegraph free of charge is I think not known. It should be communicated to all officers by an O.M.

Submitted for perusal and approval.

Intd. K.M.
14-1-1925

Intd. M.V.
14-1-

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"Copy"

For Chief Secy to Govt.

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Dewan's Minute.

As regards (1) Financial Secretary may be requested to put up a draft early.

As regards (2) the Director of Industries and Commerce should submit a report giving the total amount of guarantee paid by us and as to whether it would be desirable to erect our own telegraph lines independent of British Telegraph.

As regards (3) the Railway Secretary may be asked to submit a report as to the terms on which the railway telegraph lines are worked, to whom the earnings are credited, and.

as regards (4), the matter should be notified to the privileged persons and the Director of Telegraphs, India intimated that the privileges will be exercised from now.

As regards (5) an Office Memorandum may be issued at once as suggested.

Sd/- A.R.Banerji

16th January 1925.

" C o p y "

Forwarded with compliments to the Financial Secretary to Govt. with reference to para 1 above, together with a copy of the Chief Secy's note on the subject.

By order

Mr Venkatasubbayyar

~~For Chief Secretary to Govt.~~

The original file and the Bangalore letter ~~in~~ re: the right ~~is~~ claimed by ~~to~~ have been recognised are regd. No.

Sd/- The file is before the Chief Secretary.

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4 Subd. The original file is not available as action is still being taken on the Chief Secretary's note above. A ~~space typed~~ Copy of the Govt. of India ~~Notification~~ Resolution which was found in the file is put up for refer. There is nothing in the Residency letter which simply forwards the ~~notification~~ Resolution for information. The file will be put up later if req^d.

Sd/ 27.1.25 TBS 27/1

Sd/ 28/1 Secy 28/1/25

I should like to see the whole file on this subject including papers relating to its discussion in the Chamber of Princes which may be in the Political Branch.

29.1.25

Branch Secy. The file. When received back from Dewan -

Sd/ 30/1

Sd/ 31/1

6 Secretariat Sec^y

Sd/ 31.1.25 TBS 600

P. P. 79-24 returned to Secretariat today. Sd/ 2/2

The file is submitted herewith

Sd/ 18/2 TBS 1925

Sd/ 19/2/25

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8 The Government of India resolution dated 6th December 1923 recognises the right of States to share in the profits of the telegraph systems within their respective territories but, the problem of giving practical effect to the right is left "to be mutually discussed hereafter." Beyond a bare reference to the recognition of the right, the resolution contains no information on this subject. It would have been useful if papers relating to the discussion of this subject in the Chamber of Princes had been available for reference.

9 Before we can ask for our share of the profits from 1923-24 as proposed in the Chief Secretary's note dated 14th January 1925, the question of the "equitable basis" on which the apportionment of the profits should be made between the Government of India and the State has to be discussed and decided. The reference that we can now make has therefore to concern itself only with the method of calculation of profits and the principles according to which they should be divided between the Government of India and the State. We have, of course, to add that whatever principles of sharing are decided upon should be given effect to from at least the year 1923-24 in which the right was formally recognised.

10 There are some important points on which we should have full information before we can accept either the method of calculation or the basis of

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of division of profits; e.g.,

(1) we should know how the profits of the telegraph lines within the State will be calculated and how the revenue earned by messages sent beyond the State is treated.

(2) There are some items of charges of the Telegraph Department which concerns not only the lines within the State but also the lines outside and it is necessary to know what portion of such charges will be treated as attributable to the lines within the State.

(3) Apparently, when profits are to be divided, losses, if any, have also to be shared.

(4) What part of the profits the Government of India will claim and on what grounds, are very important points. So far as any share of the profits represents the proper return on the capital investment made by the Government of India, the right of that Government has to be conceded. The excess over the interest return is in reality wholly contributed by the people in the State who send messages and it remains to be seen what proportion of it the Government will claim and also on what gounds it proposes to justify its claim. It is not unreasonable for the state to urge that the major part of this excess, if not the whole, should go to it.

In the circumstances stated above, we are not now in a position either to claim any share of

of profits from 1923-24, or to express our views as to how profits should be calculated and shared. All that is now possible is to address the Government of India for the detailed scheme of calculation of profits and their division between that Government and the State ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ with a view to enable us to express our opinion on it.

(2) A draft is accordingly put up.

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DEW[illegible] OFFICE,
RECD. ON 20. FEB. 1925
Reg. No 6181

DEWAN.)

(1) Draft approved
20/2/25
Secy

(4) Some amendments
28/2/25
Secy

Sd:2.) NV:727 dt 24.2.25.
Secy: to the Resident:
Requests him to supply a copy of the Scheme drawn up by the Government of India for Calculation of the profits of Telegraph Systems within the territories of Indian States.

Sd: The note was sanctioned by the Viceroy.

NV:2165 dt 11.4.25. Secy: to the Resident -
Informs that the matter is under the consideration of the Government of India

NV: Pol: 67 dt 22.7.25. Reminder to the Secy: to the Resident:

Sd:3) NV: 6821 dt 17.8.25. Secy to the Resident:
Informs that the matter is still

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DEWAN'S OFFICE,
Rec'd 2 SEP 1925
Regd. No. 2054

under the consideration of the Govt: of India & that it is unlikely that any final decision will be reached in the near future.

15 Subd: for orders as to whether the papers may be recorded for the present.

Dewan 16 For information 17.9.25

17 Seen by Dewan
Pio.
Ls.
P/D 24.10.25

24.10.25

16 If approved, these papers will be filed.

26/10

19 no we may remind once in three months perhaps. The matter is important & should not be lost sight of

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Dewan 6/11/25

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All communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No. 6821 ENCLOS. 364-1885. *Dated Bangalore,* 17 August 1925.

DIARY No. 943

FROM

Major K. A. G. Evans Gordon,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

GENERAL SECTION. Br. H 17 AUG. 1925 To G. D. SECTION.

The Financial Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Subject :—

Copy to Dewan 17.8.25

Sharing of telegraph profits in Indian States.

SIR,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. Pol.67/Fl., dated the 22nd July 1925, and to say that the matter is said to be still under the consideration of the Government of India and that it is unlikely that any final decision will be reached in the near future.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Major.
SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

BJ

G. R. S. III—3]

ROUTINE NOTES.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record]

N. B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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Pol. 1035

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No. 2248 ENCLOS. 364-1885.

Dated Bangalore, // March 1926.

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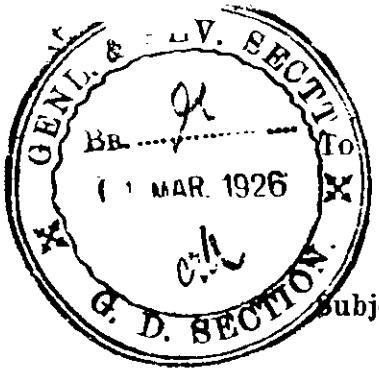
FROM

Major K. A. G. Evans Gordon,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.



The Financial Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Subject :—

Sharing of telegraph profits in Indian States.

SIR,

With reference to the correspondence ending with my letter No.6821, dated the 17th August 1925, I am directed to say that the matter is still under the consideration of the Government of India and has again to be referred by them to the Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes.

H:W

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

BJ

SIR

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Subd for perusal. Refce: Para 22 of Appendix
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1851. Secy) Dewan) for information

DEMANDS OFFICE
2 MAR. 1926
6905

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This may perhaps continue to be kept in file till the next meeting of the Chamber Princes & their proc are published.
H.H. 1.4.1926.

The file

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Please put up previous papers.

Returned with the previous papers

AH
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No. 404

FINANCIAL SECRETARY
17 OCT. 1926
No. 531

FINANCIAL SECRETARY
19 OCT. 1926
No. 562

may perhaps be sent to me C.S. Balasundaram Iyer so that he may be kept informed of this correspondence.

Ba
12/10

H Sec)

To chief secy with compliments

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For orders

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14/10

H Sec)

To Mr. Balasundaramiyer with compliments for favour of perusal of the papers.

H Sreenivasaya
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19-10-26

Returned with compliments after perusal of the papers. I shall be glad if the main file referred to is also sent to me for perusal.

19/10/26 C.S. Balasundaramiyer

A/s Sir
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19-10
Ba

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From

Major K. A. G. Evans Gordon,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

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To

The Financial Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 1st April 1927.

DEWAN'S OFFICE. Received on 5 APR. 1927 Reg. No. 7941.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY 2 APR. No. 5319

Subject.

Sharing of postal and telegraph profits in Indian States.

Sir,

This is a reminder and our official letter is flagged D/ C.

With reference to the correspondence ending with my letter No.6821, dated the 17th August 1925, I am directed to state that the Government of India intimate that the matter is still under consideration and that it is improbable that a decision can be arrived at apart from the general question of the postal relations of the Government of India with the Indian States, which subject has yet to be placed before the Standing Committee.

D

OFFICE OF THE SECOND COUNCIL - 2 APR. 1927 No. 6286

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Major.
SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

3rd member / Dewan — In limine proposal h 2/4/27.

Seen 4/4

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY OFFICE OF THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL - 7 APR. 1927 No. 6311

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This is a general question which will require a good deal of consideration before it can be finally settled. It is a matter of importance to the States. What is the opinion of Dewan's Minute? 6/4/27

Seen 8/4

Proposal of Dewan's Minute (3rd Member) B 7/4

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The files bearing on the subjects are put up & may now be sent to Mr. Balasundaram dyer

KW
23/10

Yes -

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23/10

To Mr C.S. Balasundaram Iyer with Compliments

Bo.

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23/10

For H. Secy

Returned with thanks.

C.S. Balasundaram

15/11.

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Submitted

May the issue of permission to Mr. C.S. Balasundaram Iyer be deferred till the end of February 1927?

15/1/27

There has been no meeting which Mr C.S.B has since attended & there appears to be no use reminding now. We may wait till the next meeting is over. A reminder to Resy & also to Mr C.S.B may come perhaps about — March 1927

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Secretariat

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Government of India.

Foreign and Political Department.

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Delhi, the 6th December 1923.

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RESOLUTION.

Construction and maintenance of telegraph systems in Indian States.

The Government of India have had under consideration the question of the revision of their policy regarding the construction and maintenance of telegraph systems in Indian States. A summary of the existing principles was referred to the Permanent Committee of Princes and as a result of discussions with the Committee in September 1919 and January 1920, a revised summary was prepared and laid before the Committee by whom it was again considered on three occasions in 1920 and 1921. The summary as finally amended by the Committee was in November 1921 presented to the Chamber of Princes, by whom it was generally approved. The summary was further revised after a reference to Local Governments and Political Officers and Darbars, and was accepted by the Standing Committee in September 1923, subject to certain alterations. The Government of India are now pleased, in supersession of their previous orders on the subject, to announce their future policy in the matter.

I. The following are the principles observed, regarding telegraph systems, including train control wires but excluding wireless systems, in Indian States:--

(i) The maintenance of a unitary telegraph system throughout India is a matter of Imperial importance and it is advisable that the construction and maintenance of the system should be under the direct control of the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department.

(ii) The right of States to share in the profits of the system within their respective territories on an equitable basis, to be mutually discussed hereafter, is recognised.

(17)

(b) that the State works the offices in strict accordance with the rules from time to time authorised for the working of Licensed Telegraph Systems in British India:

Provided that where such a railway lies exclusively within the territories of an Indian State, a telegraph system constructed along such railway and not connected with any Imperial office is not affected by the provisions of this sub-clause.

(vii) That States recognise that on the occurrence of a grave public emergency, or in the interests of the public safety, the Governor-General in Council may, as a temporary measure and subject to reasonable provision being made for State business --

(a) take control of any telegraph systems or part of any telegraph systems to which these principles apply, or

(b) direct that any messages or class of messages to or from any person or class of persons, or relating to any particular subject brought for transmission by, or transmitted or received by, any telegraph shall not be transmitted or shall be intercepted or detained, or shall be disclosed to the Government or an officer thereof mentioned in the order.

The powers of the Governor-General in Council may be exercised by the Governor of Provinces in regard to States which are in in political relations with them.

If any doubt arises as to the existence of a grave public emergency or whether any act done under (a) and (b) above was in the interest of the public safety, a certificate signed by the Political Secretary to the Government of India or a Secretary to a Local Government, as the case may be, will be conclusive proof on the point.

II. Whenever it is proposed by the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department to establish a new Imperial telegraph office in an Indian State, the Post-master-General should address the Political Officer concerned direct in order to ascertain the views of the State on the project. In the event of a state disagreeing with a proposal the views of the State will be forwarded to the Foreign and Political Department of the Government of India, and the proposal will not be pressed except for strategic or other exceptionally important reasons. When the proposal for the establishment of such an office emanates from a State, the Political Officer will address the Postmaster-

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Post-Master General. The establishment of a new Imperial Office in an Indian State with the consent of the State will not require a previous reference to the Government of India.

III. Inland telegrams sent over the Imperial Telegraph and Licensed Telegraph Systems on official business of Indian States will be accepted and transmitted throughout India as Raj telegrams, but, as in the case of Inland State messages as defined in the Indian Post and Telegraph Guide, they will not be allowed priority over private messages of the same class. The charges must be paid for in Service stamps or in cash or on the deposit account system, as laid down in the Rules in the Post and Telegraph Guide.

IV. All Raj telegrams, to whomsoever addressed, and all private telegrams addressed to Rulers or officials of Indian States by official designation only, will be redirected to any part of India by telegraph free of charge according to the provisions of the Indian Post and Telegraph Guide.

V. Telegraphic abbreviated addresses for Ruling Princes and officials of Indian States will, if required, be recognised and registered without registration fee. Application for such registration should be addressed to the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs, Traffic Branch, Calcutta.

VI. (i) Ruling Princes who are members of the Chamber of Princes in their own right and their ministers have the privilege of sending Clear the Line messages between telegraph offices within their own territories.

(ii) Ruling Princes who are members of the Chamber of Princes in their own right have the privilege of sending Clear the Line messages to addressees outside their State territories subject to the following conditions:—

(a) that the privilege is exercised only on the occasion of a grave emergency arising in or affecting the State and during such emergency;

(b) that it is personal to the Ruler himself;

(c) that it is confined to telegrams addressed to the Viceroy, the Governor of any Province, the Political Secretary, a Local Government or a local Political Officer.

(iii) A Ruler who is a member of the Chamber of Princes in his own right may, when absent from his State in India, send from any

telegraph office in India on the occasion of any grave public emergency affecting his State, a Clear the Line message to --

(a) his Chief or Senior Minister, and

(b) any of the addressees mentioned in clause (ii) (c).

(iv) In the absence of a Ruler from his State the Chief or Senior Minister is authorised to send Clear the Line messages on an occasion to grave public emergency to the Ruler himself when the Ruler is in India, or to any of the addressees mentioned in clause (ii) (c). The Ruler who receives a Clear the Line message in such circumstances may Clear the Line in reply.

VII. (i) Ruling Princes who are members of the Chamber of Princes in their own right and their ministers are entitled to mark their messages "Priority" in matters of urgency within the limits of their own states.

(ii) In periods of unusual congestion the Government of India are prepared to authorize Ruling Princes and their senior ministers specially affected to mark messages "Priority" for any part of India as a temporary measure. The chief telegraph office in a State will be instructed to inform the Senior Minister of the existence of unusual congestion.

(Sd) G.D.OGILVIE,

Political Secretary to the Government of India.

"Copy"

for Chief Secretary to Government.

No. Pol. 727

97. 127-24-2

24/2/25.

Draft.

To

The Secretary to the
Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I am directed to request reference to the Government of India Resolution No. 242 dated 6th December 1923 relating to the Construction and Maintenance of Telegraph systems in Indian States, a copy of which was forwarded with your letter No.10798/363-1885 dated 26th December 1923. The following is one of the principles approved in this Resolution:-

"The right of States to share in the "profits of the system within their "respective territories on an equitable "basis, to be mutually discussed here-"after, is recognised."

~~It is believed that~~ The detailed scheme for calculation of the profits of Telegraph systems within the territories of Indian States and for the division of such profits between the Government of India and the States has apparently been drawn up for discussion and I am to request that a copy of it may kindly be obtained and furnished to the Government of Mysore to enable them to express their views on it. I am to add that, the right having been recognised in December 1923, the system of sharing has to be brought into effect commencing with the profits for 1923-24 and it is desirable, therefore to have the scheme of division settled and brought into ~~effect~~ force without delay.

I have etc.,

P.T.O.

20/2/25

G. R. S. III—3

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No. 3165 Enclos. — Dated Bangalore, 15 April 1925.

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RECEIVED IN OFFICE. 17 APR. 1925 Reg. No. 1783.

Pol. 1171

From Major K. A. C. Evans Gordon,
SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

RECEIVED 16 APR. 1925 G. D. SECTION

To The Financial Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Subject :— Sharing of telegraph profits in Indian States.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. Pol.727/G.F.127-24, dated the 24th February 1925, on the above subject, I am directed to say that the matter is under the consideration of the Government of India.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Major.
SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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SUBJECT

Diary No. of letter replied to

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 22nd July 1925.

Signed by Mr M.N. Krishna Rao

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Pol. No. 67/ 28

To

The Secretary to the Resident.

Subject:- Sharing of telegraph profits in Indian States.

S i r,

I am directed to invite attention to my letter No. Pol 727/9.2 127-24-287 24.2.25 and your ~~office~~ letter No. 3165/364-1885 dated 15th April 1925 on the above subject and to request you to be so good as to ~~convey the consideration of the Government of India since been received on the above subject~~.

I have etc.,

Fl. Secy to Govt.

among the Indian State where the papers relating thereto describing the detailed Scheme for Calculating the profits of Telegraph Systems within the Indian States and for their division between the Govt of India & the Indian States requested

I am also to request you to be so good as to have the orders of the Govt of India at an early date as to arrange to bring the new Govt Scheme into force with the commencing with the profits for the year 1923-24.

Above ok
Mer 21/7/25
Fl Secy to Govt

Mar 1925

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Date of issue 9-3-29

Signed by Ins B S

No. Pol. 767

To The Secretary to

the Hon'ble the British Resident

in Mysore, Bangalore

Sir,

Subject:- Sharing of telegraph profits in Indian States

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter no 6821 dated 17th August 1926 on the above 364-1885 subject, I am directed to ~~enquire, if the final decision has been reached in the matter.~~ request you to be so good as to intimate the stage in which the question at present is.

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